contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

— Inter-ministerial coordination and interaction.

— Emphasis on preparation of realistic project implementation plan.

— Review by the Committee of Secretaries of the specific projects facing constraints.

Growth in Employment Generation

1844. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the employment growth rate during each five year plan and projection for the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the details of employment generated both in the Public Sector as well as Private Sector during the sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans; and

(c) what is the strategy adopted during the Eighth Five Year Plan for the growth of employment in the Public and Private Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The estimated average annual rates of growth of employment from the First to the Seventh Five Year Plans are as given below:

Five Year	Period	Estimated average annual rate of growth of employment (%)
First	1951-56	0.39
Second	1956-61	0.85
Third	1961-66	2.03
Fourth	1969-74	1.99
Fifth	1974-79	1.34
Sixth	1980-85	1.73
Seventh	1985-90	1.89

The Eighth Five Year Plan envisages as average annual rate of growth of employment of 2.6 to 2.8 per annum.

(b) Estimates of additional employment generated in the public sector and private sector during the Sixth and the Seventh Five Year Plans are as under:

Five Year Plan	Estimated additional employment generated (in million)		
	Public Sector	Private Sector	Total
Sixth	2.19	19.75	21.94
Seventh	1.46	24.74	26.20

(c) Eployment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan emphasises the need for a high rate of economic growth combined with faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas having relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation.